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Reporters toured the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Battery Street Tunnel on Saturday with UCO Deputy Administrator Ron Paananen and SDOT Deputy Director Bob Powers. The tour focused on the work in the Battery Street Tunnel and north of the Battery Street Tunnel, where crews were taking soil samples to learn more about the conditions at the depth of a bored tunnel. Reporters also toured the Battery Street Tunnel, including the control room. Questions were asked about the long term maintenance of the Battery Street Tunnel, to which Paananen responded that maintenance will focus on needed efforts prior to a bored tunnel opening in about 2015 (pending legislative approval). Paananen explained why the weekend closures were needed and the type of work that would be done. Coverage expected over the weekend.